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TAGS: PREL, HOPS, PINS, PINR, AF, UR
SUBJ: US MEDIA REPORTS OF SOVIET AIR BUILD-UP NEAR AFGHANISTAN

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2. VOA AFGHAN PERSIAN (DARI) BROADCAST MONITORED BY EMBASSY ON 18 APRIL AT 0335, CITED USG SPOKESMAN AS HAVING SAID THAT SOVIETS HAD RECENTLY MARKEDLY INCREASED NUMBER OF BOMBERS AND OTHER AIRCRAFT IN SOVIET AREAS NEAR AFGHAN BORDER. BROADCAST NOTED POSSIBILITY THAT BUILDUP MIGHT PRESAGE NEW SOVIET OFFENSIVE IN AFGHANISTAN. AS HE HEARD IT, OVA BROADCAST QUOTED SPOKESMAN AS BEING FAIRLY SPECIFIC ON NUMBERS AND TYPES OF AIRCRAFT INVOLVED.

3. WE NOTE ALSO THAT ARMED FORCES RADIO AND TELEVISION SERVICE IN LOS ANGELES QUOTES AP AS SAYING THAT SOVIETS MAY BE GETTING READY TO HIT RESISTANCE FORCES IN AFGHANISTAN WITH NEW AIR ATTACKS. REPORTS SAYS THAT SEVERAL MEDIUM BOMBER SQUADRONS HAVE BEEN PLACED NEAR AFGHAN BORDER. WORDING OF AP
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